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OUR ISLAND CONTEMPORARIES

MORE BONE—LESS FAT

Thirsty Men Before Thirsty Cattle
And Mules

The above heading summarizes the basic principle of law on which Judge Mathewman's decision in the Waimanalo water-right case, between Parker Ranch and the Territory of Hawaii, was founded. Human beings, the settlers on the land, have the first rights in a water supply necessary to home life. It is a victory for the "common people," an against a corporation. Probably the purpose of the suit was not to grab all the water for live stock and let human beings perish; but to have a question of law settled for all time to come. In such case the Parker Ranch has done a public service; for it clears up the title of the homesteaders to water to quench their thirst, from heaven's supply.

The Way To Make Homesteads Fail

The decision has a bearing, also, in relation to the much mooted question of the alleged failure of Gov. Pinkham to put through the Kaula homestead railway connection. If the Governor is correctly quoted as saying: "I am against the government lands being taken up by homesteaders. Homesteading is not a success, and never will be a success....all the cane lands of the government should remain in the hands of the government and be leased to the sugar plantations," it puts him in a most pitiable light. But, whether or not it is true that the man whom the United States Government expects to further in every way in his power the work of getting the people on the soil, as the only preparation for statehood and for stability in this Territory swarming with aliens (and we do not say it is true that he is a traitor to that trust, and is playing into the hands of the "Old Fox") this is undoubtedly true.

An Ill-Starred Star

The only way to make Hawaii fit to bespangle the "star-spangled banner, with another star is to dot her hill-slopes with homes, owned by the oc-

cupants, and producing food supplies for the whole territory.

Let a foreign fleet blockade us for a week, and we would have not much left but empty food tins bearing mainland brands. We should have bread riots within the month. The nation cannot afford to have a state (or even a territory) as helpless as a young robin that opens its mouth for the mother bird to feed it. It would be an element of lamentable weakness. It's would be an "ill-starred" flag, if Hawaii star represented mostly rich corporations.

This question of getting the common people of Hawaii on the soil, as producers of the vital necessities, is linked together with the Waimanalo question of supplying the homesteaders with water—not only for drinking, but for irrigation—and the Kaula question of transportation facilities.

More Bone—Less Fat

It's by far the biggest question in Hawaii, in which the whole nation is concerned. It's a heap bigger issue than a sugar tariff, or war prices of sugar. No stable state can ever be built up here on sugar plantations alone. The size of plantation dividends is a piffling matter compared with a number of prosperous small land-holders; they are the bone and sinew of a land. To make a strong, self-supporting state, Hawaii must have more bone and sinew and less adipose tissue.—Kohala Midget.

Not long ago political reformers predicted that doing away with the party conventions would end the era of deals and trades and double-crosses and factional brass-knuckling. The Democrats did away with their conventions and their party elections last Saturday were by the direct primary route, with the surprising consequence that charges of fraud, trickery and machine control now fill the air. It is evident that political human nature isn't changed with the facility of new law-making.—Star-Bulletin.

Vegetables Are Now Getting Plentiful

High Price Paid For Red Cabbage—
Eggs Still Under 35c — Banana
Glut Serious

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

For one or two days in the early part of the week the Division tried to hold eggs at 35c a dozen wholesale but due to the large quantities being received, the price had to be reduced to 32c the same as quoted last week. The word "Oahu" in the egg quotations is incorrect. It should simply read "Select" eggs. In order to get the price quoted for select eggs, producers must deliver strictly fresh, uniform eggs of standard weight and each egg must be stamped with the guarantee of the producer. At the present time with island eggs so plentiful it is impossible to get 5c a dozen more for stamped eggs than for ordinary No. 1 Island eggs. Consumers are beginning to realize, however, the difference between the two grades of eggs and are asking for the stamped eggs. As soon as eggs get a little scarce it will be possible to get a few cents more a dozen for stamped eggs in large quantities. The Division does not candle eggs that are stamped and guaranteed by the producer, which saves him 1c a dozen. This saving would amount to enough in a short time to pay for a stamp and pad. All eggs not stamped have to be candled before being sent out to customers, as it often happens that producers are not as careful as they should be to see that only strictly fresh eggs are sent to the market. The man who puts his name and guarantee on eggs is going to be more careful to see that none but the best are sent to the market, and will naturally reap the benefit in dollars and cents which will come through a reputation for supplying a first grade article, and the advertising which his stamp will give his product.

The poultry market is in first class condition and good stock sells readily at high prices.

Vegetables are getting more plentiful and prices are falling. A stringless green pod bean, which is being grown at Wahiawa is making a name for itself in the Honolulu market, and it should in time displace all other varieties grown. It is absolutely stringless, free from blight, and has a very good flavor. These beans bring a little better price than any others coming into the market at the present time. Last week a small shipment of red cabbage was received from Honokaa. This was the best red cabbage received in the Honolulu market for several years and brought 6c a pound.

Alligator pears are getting more plentiful. Several crates were received by the last Mauna Loa from Kona.

The banana situation is probably the most serious of any of the marketing troubles of the producer at the present time. There is no room on the boats for carrying a large part of the present crop and hundreds of bunches a week will either have to be sold in the local market or allowed to rot. Every householder should help along as much as he can by buy-

Honolulu Wholesale Produce Market Quotations

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BUTTER AND EGGS.

Island butter, lb cartons	30 to 40
Eggs, select Oahu, doz	37
" No. 1 Island "	32
Eggs, No. 2, Island, doz	20 to 25
Eggs, duck, doz	25

POULTRY.

Broilers, lb (2 to 3 lbs)	33 to 35
Young roosters	1b 33 to 35
Hens, lb	26 to 27
Turkeys, lb	40
Ducks, Muscovy, lb	27 to 30
Ducks, Pekin, lb	27 to 30
Ducks, Hawaiian, doz	6.00 to 6.25

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE.

Beans, string green, lb	.04 to .05
Beans, string, wax, lb	.06 to .07
Beans, Lima in pod, lb	.03 1/2
Beans, Dry—	
Maui Red, cwt	5.00 to 5.25
Calicoes cwt	4.00 to 4.50
small white, cwt	5.00
Beets, doz bunches	.37
Carrots, doz bunches	.46
Cabbage, cwt	3.00 to 3.50
Corn, sweet 100 ears	2.00 to 2.25
Corn, Haw small yellow 38.00 to 40.00	
" " large yellow 35.00 to 38.00	
Rice, Jap. seed, cwt	3.55
Rice, Hawaiian	4.10
Peanuts, small, lb	.04
Peanuts, large, lb	.02
Green Peppers, Bell, lb	.08
Green Peppers, Chili, lb	.05
Potatoes, Isl, Irish, (none in market)	
Potatoes, Isl, Irish, New, lb	.03
Potatoes, sweet, cwt	1.00 to 1.50
Onions, Bermuda, (none in market)	
Taro, cwt	.50 to .75
Taro, bunch	.15
Tomatoes, lb	.04
Green peas, lb	.10 to .12 1/2
Cucumbers, doz	.50 to .75
Pumpkins, lb	.01 1/2 to .02

FRUIT.

Alligator pears, doz	1.50
Bananas, Chinese, bunch	.20 to .50
Bananas, Cooking, bunch	.75 to 1.25
Breadfruit, doz	.40 to .50
Figs, (None in market)	
Grapes, Isabella (none in market)	
Oranges, Haw. (none in market)	
Limes, 100	.75 to 1.00
Pineapples, cwt	.90 to 1.00
Watermelons, (none in market)	
Pohas, lb	.08 to .10
Papayas, lb	.02
Strawberries, lb	.20

LIVESTOCK.

Beef, cattle and sheep are not bought at live weight. They are taken by the meat companies dressed and paid for by weight dressed.

Hogs, up to 150 lbs, lb	.10 to .11
Hogs, 150 lbs and over, lb	.09 to .10

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef, lb	.10 1/2 to .12
Veal, lb	.12 to .13
Mutton, lb	.11 to .12
Pork, lb	.15 to .17
Steer, No. 1, lb	.14 1/2
Steer, No. 2, lb	.13 1/2
Ribs, lb	.14 1/2
Goat skins, white, each	.10 to .30
Sheep skins, each	.10 to .20

FEED.

The following are quotations on feed f.o.b. Honolulu:	
Corn, small yellow, ton	42.00 to 42.50
Corn, large yellow, ton	40.00 to 41.00
Corn, cracked, ton	42.00 to 43.00
Bran, ton	29.00 to 31.00
Barley, ton	34.00 to 36.00
Scratch food, ton	43.00 to 44.00
Oats, ton	35.00 to 36.00
Wheat, ton	42.00 to 43.00
Middlings, ton	38.00 to 39.00
Hay, alfalfa ton	27.50 to 29.00
Hay, wheat, ton	28.00 to 32.00
Hay, Alfalfa, ton	28.00 to 29.00
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